

# HOWNIKAN

## PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



Vol. 15, No. 4

Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

April, 1993

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 26, 1993  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1993-1994  
LAND ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT  
AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 26, 1993  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1993-94

LAND ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

LAND ACQUISITION \$ .00

#### DEVELOPMENT:

1. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT AND RECREATION - All tribally-owned trust property including golf course, restaurant and pow wow grounds, planting grass and trees, landscaping including fertilizer, grounds equipment, lighting for driving range, parking lot construction, soil and water conservation and fencing. \$140,000.00

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Construction of new bank building  
1. Bank Building Construction \$295,000.00  
2. Vault, Security, Drive In Teller Equipment 128,000.00  
3. Computer System, Check Processing Upgrade 36,000.00  
4. Fixtures, Furniture, Interiors 41,000.00  
\$500,000.00

#### MAINTENANCE

1. Maintenance supplies and equipment \$ 40,000.00

TOTAL \$680,000.00

Savings in any one line item may be utilized for expenses involved in either of the other two line items.

☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 26, 1993  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 26, 1993  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

CHAIRMAN

☒ JOHN A. (ROCKY) BARRETT, JR.

☐ DR. FRANCIS A. LEVIER

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #1

☐ GENE BRUNO - unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #2

☐ HAZEL RHODD WILLIAMSON - unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #3

☐ RAYMOND MATTHE (MATT) HIGDON - unopposed

## Crucial tribal election unfolds, campaign for chairman heats up

Tribal officials are becoming concerned about an apparent lack of interest in what is shaping up to be one of the most crucial elections in the tribe's history.

As of April 15, only 158 absentee ballots had been mailed out by the Election Committee, with only about 20 requests left to fill. In 1989, when Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett faced a challenge from Cecil Pensoneau, more than 600 tribal members had requested absentee ballots by April 21, and almost 1,300 people voted in the election that year, which Barrett won 857-429. Last year, only about 500 tribal members voted by absentee ballot. However, no business committee posts were on the ballot.

Barrett is challenged this year by Dr. Francis Levier, former Business Committee member and former tribal administrator. Levier did not seek re-election to the Business Committee last year when his term was up, apparently already having made the decision to seek the top post. Barrett, tribal chairman since 1985, has also been tribal administrator and has won contested elections as chairman three times previously.

On the ballot along with Barrett and Levier will be Gene Bruno for Grievance Committee Office #1, Hazel Rhodd Williamson, Grievance Committee Office #2 and Raymond Matthew (Matt) Higdon, Grievance Committee Post #3. All are unopposed. Bruno and Williamson currently serve on



John A. "Rocky" Barrett



Dr. Francis A. Levier

the committee, while Higdon is a newcomer.

A separate ballot on the proposed budget will also be mailed to those voting absentee and handed out to those voting in person at the tribal complex between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26. The Business Committee has proposed a budget of \$680,000 for the expenditure of interest earned from set-aside funds. Of that, \$40,000 would be spent on routine maintenance supplies and equipment for the tribal complex, and \$140,000 on development of tribal buildings, grounds improvement and recreation.

The biggest portion of the budget, a half million dollars, is sought in economic development funds to be spent on the construction of the new First Oklahoma Bank building. Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett explained in his column in last month's HowNiKan that the tribe will earn prime rate plus two percent on that investment if approved, more than the tribe is cur-

rently earning on investments. "It will also have the effect of demonstrating to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which invests our trust funds for us, that we are able to invest our monies ourselves, maintain safety and double the earnings we are getting from the BIA investment program," Barrett said.

Absentee ballots must be requested by June 6 and must be in the Tecumseh post office by 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26. Requests for absentee ballots (see form below) must be legible, filled out completely and include the tribal member's signature and roll number in order to be processed. Requests are filled promptly by the Election Committee, which mails out the ballots and instructions.

David Bourbonnais is chairman of the Election Committee. The other members are Gary Bourbonnais, vice president; Esther Lowden, secretary; Harold Trousdale, assistant secretary; and Don Yott, marshal.

### Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe • Request for Ballot • 1993 Election

In order to comply with the 1993 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to:  
Potawatomi Election Commission, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 6, 1993.



# TRIBAL TRACTS



The new state champions, the Tecumseh Lady Savages, pose with their trophy, the "Gold Ball," immediately after the title game.

## Two tribal members help Tecumseh claim first state championship trophy

The 1993 Oklahoma Class 3A 5-on-5 Championship Girls Basketball Team — the Tecumseh High School Lady Savages — counts among its 12 players two who are Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal members, and a third with Potawatomi blood!

The Lady Savages claimed Tecumseh's first-ever state championship March 13 at the State Fair Arena, defeating Millwood 42-34. It was the first year Tecumseh had played five-on-five girls basketball. The dozen girls who blazed their way to a No. 1 state ranking early in the season included Kelli O'Bright and Amanda Trousdale, who are both on the

tribal rolls.

Kelli is the daughter of Bud and Judy O'Bright and is a sophomore. She is also involved in tennis and weightlifting, and was the sophomore attendant for basketball homecoming.

Amanda, a junior, is the daughter of Bob and Cherie Trousdale and was a starter all season on the championship team. Called "Mighty Mite," petite Amanda was the team's dynamic ball handler and playmaker. She is also vice president of the Junior Class, on the Student Council, a member of the Beta Club, Students Against Drunk Driving and the Church of Christ. She has won many

awards in academics and sports, and was selected for the Star Conference All-Star Team.

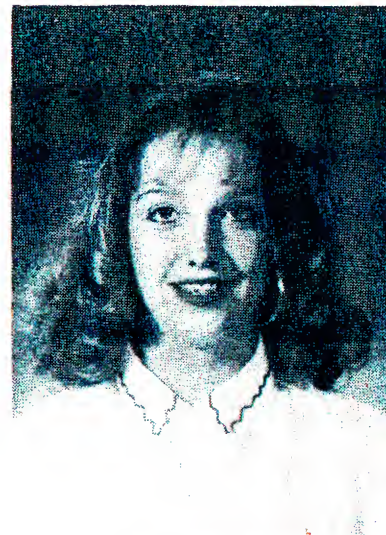
Dana Masquat, pictured fifth from the left on the back row of the picture above left, is the granddaughter of the late Charles Herbert Masquat, a Kickapoo-Potawatomi. Dana, the daughter of Cheryl and Abe Heatley, is on the Absentee Shawnee rolls. A senior, she too was starter all season.

The championship team was led by head coach Buddy Lawson and assistant coach Jeff Sigman.

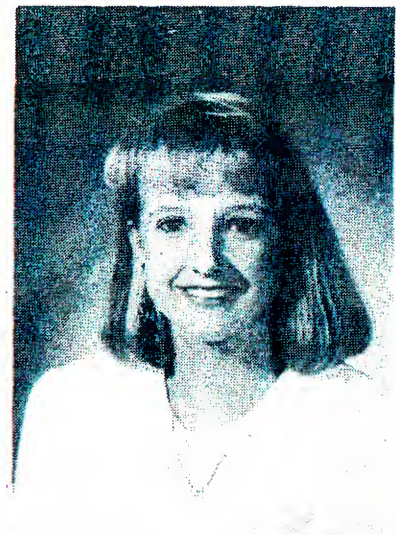
Adding drama to State Tournament Week for the team and its fans was concern over Amanda's father, Bob Trousdale, who



Tribal member Bob Trousdale addresses a victory rally only a week after bypass surgery.



Kelli O'Bright



Amanda Trousdale

underwent heart bypass surgery on Monday of that week. Trousdale, a well-known tribal member and community leader, listened to the first two games in the championship series on the radio in his hospital room, but managed to see the final game from his wheelchair, coming straight to the State Fair Arena from the hospital on the day he was dismissed.

Members of the team rushed to embrace him as soon as the

game was over, and Trousdale was among those who spoke in praise of the girls at a community pep rally the following Monday. The community honored the girls in many ways over the next few weeks, and efforts are still ongoing to memorialize their accomplishments. The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe was among those contributing toward the purchase of championship rings for each team member, donating \$300 to the cause.

## Nadeau, Neddeau, Tasicer families plan June 26 reunion

The Nadeau, Neddeau and Tasicer families and their decedents will hold a family reunion June 26, 1993, at 1 p.m. at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Complex on Father Murphy Drive (3rd Road South

of the IHS Clinic).

It will be a pot luck dinner, so bring enough for your own. If you do not wish to eat, please come and join us so that we may enjoy your company. There will be an auction of homemade items

and the proceeds to pay for the use of facilities for 1994.

For more information contact Rita Nadeau Oravetz, 814 E. Franklin, Shawnee, OK 74801, at (405) 275-1906, home, or (405) 273-7000.

## HOWNIKAN DEADLINES/ADVERTISING RATES

The deadline for political advertising in the HowNiKan is the same as the long-established and posted deadline for any articles, pictures or information for the tribal newspaper — the 10th of each month. Rates for political ads are also the same as for any paid advertising in the HowNiKan, as noted below. Each candidate was offered a free quarter-page ad in the April issue as provided for in the tribal election ordinance. All other political ads must be paid for by the person or persons placing the ad. Payment must be made to the tribal Director of Accounting before the ad can be printed. The editor of the HowNiKan, under the election ordinance, shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review the contents for libel, slander and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney.

### Deadlines:

May HowNiKan — May 10

June HowNiKan — June 10

### Advertising Rates:

Full Page — \$100

Half Page — \$50

Quarter Page — \$25

## TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 26, 1993. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be received by June 6, 1993. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request. All enrolled tribal members who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Chairman and Grievance Committee members, will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873 and must be received by the Election Committee by June 6, 1993.



# ***If You've Been To A Regional Council, You Probably Know John Barrett! Would You Recognize Francis Levier?***



John Barrett Missed One  
Regional Council In Seven Years



Francis Levier, Right, Missed Seven Regional Councils In One Year  
Levier Is Shown Here With Tribal Administrator Bob Davis

## ***Barrett Missed One Regional Council In Seven Years! Levier Missed Seven In One Year!***

Of all the things John A. Barrett Jr. has done since you elected him chairman of the Citizen Band Business Committee eight years ago, he takes the most pride in regional councils. The bank is great. So are our other enterprise activities. But the regional councils are special. These are people, our people, Potawatomis of all descriptions who live in all parts of the country. Now we have a voice no matter where we live; those of us in the Shawnee area have learned so much from the regional councils and Potawatomis who live elsewhere.

In fact, John Barrett thinks so much of the regional councils that he's missed only one since they were started back in the 1985 and 1986. That means he's been to over 60 meetings. That means he's spent 60 weekends on the road.

What about Francis Levier? Wasn't he on the Business Committee which started the regional councils? Didn't he vote for the concept, too?

Yes, he did. But as a great American politician used to say, let's look at the record. If Francis Levier ever cared about the regional councils, he certainly lost interest. In his last year on the business committee, Francis Levier attended only one regional council. He skipped the other seven. His record speaks for itself.

Which candidate cares the most about the regional councils? Which will keep them going? Check the record and make your own decision.

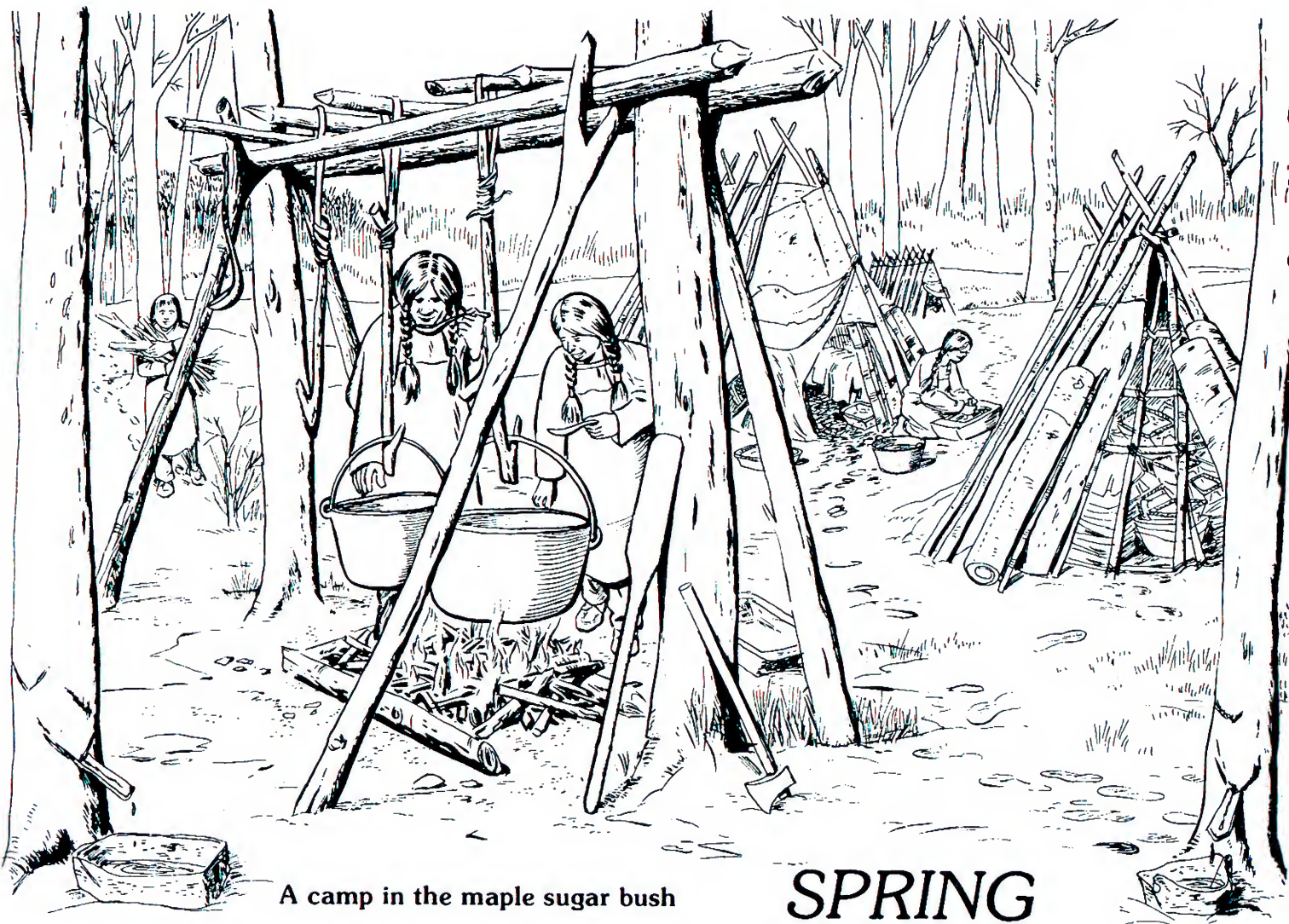
**SUPPORT  
VOTE FOR  
RE-ELECT**

**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'**  
**BARRETT**

Paid For By Raymond Melot and Mickey Hunsucker



# Potawatomi Kids' Stuff



A camp in the maple sugar bush

SPRING

Reprinted with permission from the "Ojibway Indians Coloring book," published by the Minnesota Historical Society. The coloring book is available from the Potawatomi Museum Gift Shop for \$3

## WARNING!

### Political Junk Mail Can Be Hazardous To Your Tribe!

Somebody tries it every election. They get hold of a mailing list with some or all of our fellow Citizen Band members on it and they flood our homes with spurious charges or even send out last-minute scandal sheets under fictitious names like "May Holiday." They accuse their opponents of all kinds of ugly things and never let the truth get in the way of anything they say.

There's one thing they don't do. They don't put too much of their dirt in The HowNiKan. They might get caught. People could find out who they are and figure out what their real motives might be. And they'd have to do it early enough to give the other side a chance to rebut their nasty misrepresentations with the truth. This is one group the truth always hurts.

John Barrett doesn't play the game that way. Every election, he asks his opponents not to, either. They haven't listened yet. They've kept up the tattoo of ugly mailings even though it hasn't done them any good. This year, John Barrett is again asking his opponent to play fair and square — and maybe he will. But already there are some ominous portents of trouble on the way to your mailbox.

All candidates are given free space in The HowNiKan to say what they please. All candidates are welcome to buy more space at very inexpensive rates, much cheaper than the cost of a mass mailing. All candidates have a proven, cost-effective way to reach every member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

If you get a desperation, last-second smearsheet in your mailbox, please take it for what it is. Consider the source — if you can figure out who that might be. Our tribe doesn't need this kind of politicking. It's just an insult — to you and to all Potawatomis.



Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect  
Chairman John A. 'Rocky'

# BARRETT

## THE TRIBE BELONGS TO YOU

### STAND STRONG FOR DEMOCRACY



Vote  
**DR. FRANCIS LEVIER**  
**FOR**  
**CHAIRMAN**



# DR. FRANCIS LEVIER FOR CHAIRMAN



## *Education*

- Doctor of Education:  
Administration & Higher Education
- Master of Science Degree:  
Education Administration
- Bachelor of Arts:  
Social Science and Secondary Education.

## *Experience*

Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee, University of Kansas Assistant Director Minority Affairs, Member: Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage, C.B. Potawatomi Tribal Administrator, A.N.A. Consultant: Numerous Tribes in Alaska, A.N.A. Consultant: Numerous Tribes, Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Administrator, Topeka Indian Center Assistant Administrator, Member: Haskell Board of Regents, Absentee Shawnee Tribal Planne, Numerous other boards, appointments and positions.

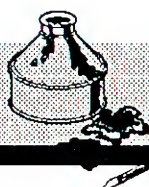
## *1993 Campaign Platform*

- I support honesty and integrity in Government.
- I support greater input of Tribal members into the decisions of the Tribe.
- I pledge to do a Per Capita payment.
- I pledge to vote against the Business Committee putting the Tribe in debt.
- I promise to print ALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE ACTIONS.
- I promise to hire a neutral editor for the HOW-NI-KAN and to put the printing of the paper out for bid as required by the Tribal procurement policy.
- I promise to VOTE AGAINST frivolous lawsuits, in cases we CANNOT WIN.
- I support participation of the Tribe in National Issues that affect the Tribe and other Indians.
- I promise to focus my attention on the needs of the PEOPLE OF THE FIRE.

**WRITE OR CALL: 308 CHALMETTE DRIVE, APT. A, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73071**  
**405-447-6467**

Paid For By Dr. Francis Levier





## In your opinion...

### Native American playwright announces upcoming play

Dear HowNiKan:

The following is pertinent information regarding the playwriting seminars I will be teaching and the plays I have written that will be produced in the near future.

I will be casting and directing my play, *Massacre at Sand Creek*, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July of this year. The dates have not been established as yet. The play centers on the Sand Creek Massacre (often called Chivington's Massacre), November, 1864, in Southeastern Colorado, when the Cheyenne (Chief Back Kettle) and Arapaho (Chief Stands in Water) Nations were attacked, without provocation, by the Colorado Third Cavalry, led by Colonel John Chivington.

*Massacre at Sand Creek* is a two act play, and will provide a full evening's entertainment. It is not intended to be a history lesson, but is based, and adheres to, historical facts. The second act is speculation on what may have happened during the inquisition afterwards, with actual depositions being converted to dialogue.

The main character/narrator of the play is a half-breed Potawatomi Indian named Woodrow

Munday. I chose to use him as the vehicle for the play after discovering that my great-grandfather, Lindsey Holloway, rode with the 19th Cavalry. Though Lindsey wouldn't have been in that area at the time, he was discharged at Fort Hays, Kansas in 1867, after serving nineteen months. I depicted Woodrow as I would like to believe my great-grandfather may have been.

I will be teaching one and two week playwriting workshops, also for Mahenwahdose Productions, throughout the summer months. The majority of these seminars will consist of students ages 12 through 18. However, if enough interest were generated, that could be expanded to adults as well.

Anyone wishing information may contact: Mahenwahdose Productions, Inc., P.O. Box 921, Tulsa, OK 74101-0921

Telephone: (918) 747-1044  
I have been a member of the Potawatomi Tribe since 1959.

Thank you for your attention and help. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,  
E.D. Howard

### A readers view on the election

Attention: All Tribal Members:

John "Rocky" Barrett has done so many things on behalf of our tribal members, personally and collectively. I have the greatest respect for him as a man, leader and friend. I know of no one who burns the late night fires longer than John. Look back a few years and remember where our tribe was. John has the experience in business to be tough, and the gentleness with people to be respected and admired.

Vote for John Barrett-Tribal Chairman.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Lazelle

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

Article VI, "Candidates," Section 6-109, "Use Of Tribal Newspaper," of the Citizen Band Potawatomi 1993 Election Ordinance states that the "HowNiKan editor shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review their contents for libel, slander, and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney."

All political advertisements in this issue were reviewed by the editor pursuant to that section of the ordinance. Portions of one advertisement, which appears on page 15, were known to be inaccurate and the candidate was asked to correct those inaccuracies after a lengthy consultation between the HowNiKan editor and the tribal attorney. The candidate chose to delete the three untrue charges and added the line about how the advertisement was censored.

That portions of this advertisement were not deleted does NOT mean that the HowNiKan editor and the tribal attorney confirmed the accuracy of other representations in this or any other political advertisement. The only items deleted were those known to be patent falsehoods.

Gloria Trotter, Editor

### Fourth graders name new school in honor of Chief Menominee

Dear Editor,

In the fall of 1993, the elementary students of the present West School in Plymouth, Indiana, will move into a new school named in honor of Chief Menominee. The school name was selected by the entire fourth grade student body from the four elementary schools in Plymouth. The community is please to honor such a historic personage.

We are seeking information from direct descendants of Chief Menominee or anyone whose ancestors were on the Trail of Death. It is the intention of the Plymouth Community School Corporation to honor these persons at a special ceremony on Saturday, September 18, 1993 at the site of the new school. The

ceremony will be held in conjunction with the celebration of the Trail of Courage held in Rochester, Indiana, September 18-19. Information concerning interested individuals should be sent to: Ms. Susan Dickson, West Elementary School, 9971 St. Rd. 17, Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

We appreciate all assistance in helping this project become a meaningful tribute to Chief Menominee, his descendants, others on the Trail of Death, and our present student body.

Sincerely,  
West Elementary School  
Committee  
Ms. Susan Dickson  
Mrs. Cindy Cullison  
Mrs. Jane Johnson  
Mrs. Carolyn Jones

### Young Potawatomi makes contribution

Dear HowNiKan:

I am a nineteen year old tribal member who just recently moved to the East Coast. I have just recently started getting the paper again. I forgot how much I missed reading it! It keeps me updated on all the tribal goings on.

I have written a poem, for everyone else to enjoy. I know I'm only nineteen but, I wish there was something I could do to help the tribe. I hope other people my age get as much out of the paper as I do!

#### Potawatomi Tears

Once we roamed the range so free  
now we are few and far between  
How quickly life changes with a twist of a hand  
then we were taken from our land  
Pushed and shoved to a place  
where sadness now marks our face  
How could life be so grand  
after the whiteman killed most our band  
You may think, why bring it up now?  
Why not! No one listens to us anyhow!

Thanks,  
Janita Monroe  
Alex, VA

### Sac and Fox Nation signs compact with state

Governor David Walters signed a compact March 29 with the Sac and Fox Nation authorizing the Tribe to submit a payment to the State of Oklahoma in lieu of state sales tax on the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

"I am particularly pleased to have signed this compact with the Sac and Fox Nation since this tribe previously expressed concern about this effort," said the Governor.

"My thanks to all of the tribes who have agreed to enter into tobacco tax compacts since the signing of SB 759 last summer. This action signifies the strong desire of both sides to put aside the acrimonious relationship which has plagued our past dealings. It is through this compact, as well as other similar agreements, that we can work to build a strong, lasting relationship which will surely benefit both the individual tribes and all Oklahomans," said Governor Walters.

With the signing of this compact, Governor David Walters has entered into 12 such agreements with the following federally recognized tribes operating smokeshops in Oklahoma: Cherokee Nation, Signed June 8, 1992; Chickasaw Nation, Signed June 8, 1992; Choctaw nation, Signed June 8, 1992; Seminole Nation, Signed June 8, 1992; Quapaw Tribe, Signed August 31, 1992; Citizen Band Potawatomi, Signed January 4, 1993; Iowa Tribe, Signed January 4, 1993; Apache Tribe, Signed January 14, 1993; Absentee Shawnee, Signed January 29, 1993; Osage Tribe, Signed February 24, 1993; Wyandotte Tribe, Signed March 21, 1993; Sac & Fox Nation, Signed March 29, 1993.

## NEW GIFT ITEMS!

Tribal Seal Flag \$37<sup>00</sup>  
White background  
seal in red

1993 Native American Calendar ..... \$3<sup>50</sup>

Brass Potawatomi Bookmark ..... \$4<sup>00</sup>

12<sup>oz</sup> People of the Fire Insulated Mug ..... \$5<sup>00</sup>

**We Now Carry Frankoma Pottery!**

POTAWATOMI TRIBAL  
MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

Esther Lowden



(405) 275-3121 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801  
1-800-657-7334 Saturdays Only: (405) 275-3119

Call or mail  
in your order —  
See information on  
order form on page 5.



# Walking On...

**Wallace Duran Springer**  
Wallace Duran Springer, passed away March 2, 1993, in Whittier. He is survived by his brother, Woodrow; sister, Mona Bayless. Retired Los Angeles County employee and World War II veteran. As 1st Lt. Springer was with the 82 signal BN, attached to the 4th armored Division under General George X. Patton at Camp Young. He later was attached to the 7th Infantry Division on Okinawa and Hokaido, Japan. He also was a bandsman and played with the Pomona Concert Band for 15 years.

**Sherman Paul Carter**  
Sherman Paul Carter was born on February 21, 1937 at Concho, Oklahoma to Corliss and Manilla Howell. He lived with and was later adopted by Bill and Myrtle Carter, an aunt and uncle of Sherman. He was raised in Drumright, Oklahoma.

Sherman became a Christian at age 17 in the First Baptist Church in Drumright. He graduated from Drumright High School in 1955, and from the University of Oklahoma in 1959 with a degree in History.

From 1959 to 1963 he served in the active Marine Corp., and after several years in reserve status, received an Honorable Discharge in 1969 at the rank of Captain.

Sherman received a Fellowship from the University of Oklahoma in 1963 where he worked at the University of Oklahoma Press. He was later employed as a college textbook salesman for Houghton Mifflin Company, and the University of Tennessee Press. He was also employed for a short time by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In 1973 he moved to Tulsa and became Director of 1014 Club, a home for recovering alcoholics. He later became supervisor of Handicapped Opportunity Workshop.

In the last ten years, he was a faithful employee of Fields, Downs, and Randolph.

Sherman was an active member of the Brookside AA Group with 15 years sobriety. He participated in the formation of the first Indian Alcoholic Convention held in Tulsa in 1991.

He was proud to be a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Ester and Johnny Custer; sister, Joyce Burns of Atascocita, Texas; brother, Chilson Howell of Lawton, Oklahoma; sister, Janet Whitecotton, Eufala, Oklahoma; sister, June Whitehorse, Elgin, Oklahoma.

Sherman will be missed by many friends and family.

## Entries needed for contest

In preparation for National American Indian Heritage Month November, 1993, the United States Department of Agriculture, is sponsoring a National Poster Contest, according to Bluford W. Miller, Indian Affairs Coordinator for the Farmers Home Administration in Oklahoma.

Entries are encouraged from all sources including individuals, tribes, community organizations, tribal schools, colleges, universities and youth organizations.

Each individual/agency is requested to submit one entry to the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise. A panel of judges will select the winning entry which will be used in the design of the USDA National American Indian Heritage Month Poster. The winner will be invited to Washington, D.C., in November, to participate in the opening ceremony.

Guidelines and release forms may be obtained from the Farmers Home Administration District Office, P.O. Box 1461, Duncan, OK, 73534-1461. Entries must be received by June 25, 1993.



# POTAWATOMI MUSEUM TRADING POST

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Call Your Orders In  
1-800-880-9880

ORDER FORM					
QTY	SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
		Wood Seal Plaques		\$ 10.00	
		Seal Can Cooler		2.50	
		People of the Fire Caps		7.00	
		People of the Fire T-Shirt		10.00	
		XXL - People of the Fire T-Shirt		12.00	
		Youth - People of the Fire T-Shirt		8.00	
		Seal T-Shirt		10.00	
		XXL - Seal T-Shirt		12.00	
		(Youth Seal T-Shirt)		8.00	
		Pendelton Blankets		79.50	
		Minnetonka Moccasins		Various	
		People of the Fire Insulated Mug		5.00	
		I Married A Potawatomi & Proud T-Shirt		10.00	
		Satin Jacket with Logo		39.95	
		Youth - Satin Jacket with Logo		29.95	
		Book - Keepers of the Fire		16.00	
		Book - Potawatomi of the West		18.00	
		Book - The Potawatomi		11.00	
		Seal Suncatcher		18.00	
		People of the Fire Suncatcher		14.00	
		People of the Fire Tote Bag		7.00	
		Seal Coffee Mugs		3.50	
		People of the Fire Coffee Mugs		3.50	
		Seal Patches (Cloth)		5.00	
		Book - Grandfather Tell Me A Story		11.00	
		Seal Flag		37.00	
		Beaded Caps		25.00	
		Ojibway Indian Coloring Book		3.00	
		George Winter Collection (Set of 8)		50.00	
		Beading Books (Instruction)		10.95	
		Seal Clocks		20.00	
		Aluminum Seal License Plate		7.50	
		Vinyl People of the Fire License Plate		4.50	

METHOD OF PAYMENT: ☐ Check or Money Order (Enclosed)



☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA



Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date

Merchandise Total

Shipping &  
Handling  
will be added

Subtotal

TOTAL

POTAWATOMI TRIBAL  
MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

Esther Lowden

(405) 275-3121 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK. 74801  
1-800-880-9880 Saturdays Only: (405) 275-3119

POTAWATOMI TRIBAL MUSEUM AND TRADING POST  
1901 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_



## REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

### REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORY

<b>Denver</b>	Seattle, WA 98144
Norma Whitley	local (206)723-8055
2322 Clarkson St.	toll free (800)722-8055
Denver, CO 80205	<b>Southern California</b>
local (303)861-1140	Jeremy Bertrand Finch
FAX (303)863-0152	203 Bellefontaine Street
toll free (800)531-1140	Pasadena, CA 91105
<b>Houston</b>	local (818)796-2008
Lu Ellis	FAX (800)432-2008
26231 Huffsmith-Conroe Road	toll free (800)432-2008
Magnolia, TX 77355	<b>Northern Texas</b>
local (713)356-7957	Marjorie Hobdy
toll free (800)272-7957	3132 Kathy Lane
<b>Northern California</b>	Irving, TX 75060
Gary Bibb	Local (214) 790-3075
1777 North "G" Street, Suite 6	Toll Free (800) 742-3075
Merced, CA 95430	<b>Southwestern</b>
local (209)722-8585	Gail Halterman
FAX (209)723-4914	7225 West Peck Dr.
toll free (800)874-8585	Glendale, AZ 85303
<b>Portland</b>	Local (602) 997-5335
Roscoe "Rocky" Baptiste	Toll Free (800) 452-8996
Box 346 - 525 Ivy Ave.	<b>Midwest</b>
Gervais, OR 97026	Maryann Frank
local (503)792-3744	468 J.R. Avenue
toll free (800)522-3744	Belton, MO 64012
<b>Seattle</b>	local (816) 322-6639
Susan Campbell	toll free (800) 325-6639
3523 Anthony Place South	

### SEATTLE

I would like to thank all of those who attended the Regional meeting in Seattle March 13. Our increased turnout this year — we had approximately 250 attending — demonstrated to me the need to hold a regional that is more family-oriented, with activities to interest our youngest and our Elders. For me the highlight of the day was when our boat docked at Tillicum Village. I was among the last to debark and I stood for a minute just looking up toward the longhouse. The beach was filled with Potawatomi families, talking together, laughing, having a good time. It was an impressive sight and one that I will long treasure.

My thanks go to all who contributed pastries for sharing on the dock and on the boat. We had a lot of variety and there were some really tasty things available; I have it on good authority that everything was very good. I noticed that when we docked in Seattle, there was nothing left!

We had two guests with us from the United Indians of All Tribes in Seattle. I had a chance to sit and talk with them on the way back and they were filled with questions. The Potawatomi experience was new to them and they were impressed with our turnout, our traditions, our business report! Roberta Greer, our Tillicum Village representative, picked up two of our books so she could learn more about us. Several times since she has commented on how she enjoyed her day with us.

One of the really neat things about Regionals is the little surprises you discover — like the cousin you've never met. One of our members came up to me on the boat and asked if I'd ever heard of Solomon Juneau, whose name happens to be one we commonly discuss in our home (after doing genealogy for as many years as I have, you feel you know people of the past far better than those of the present!) I found another cousin! Or she found me!

Anyway, thank you again for making Regional such a success. Special thanks to Rocky, Linda, Hilton, Esther and Jeremy Finch for joining us and teaching us. And to my family for all their help.

On the 14th, the day after our meeting, I went to the Seattle Art Museum to see the Chandler-Pohrt collection of Native American artifacts. The only drum in the display was Potawatomi. We were also represented by pipes, clothing, woven bags, and a beautiful beaded bag. Maps throughout the exhibit followed the route of removal — and of natural migration. It was an exhibit well worth attending. Unfortunately, it closed May 9. But the good news is that another Native American exhibit is scheduled, though I don't have the dates yet and I don't know what will be shown.

If you discovered that somehow you left an earring behind during Regional, please call my office and describe it; it may be the one I have.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member to the Northwest region! Allison Louella Sbardella was born March 10, 1993. Mom and baby are both doing well.

This year is a tribal election year and I hope you will participate. Mail-in ballot requests are in the HowNiKan; please fill one out and get it mailed (watch the deadline!!). Your vote will determine the future of our tribe. If you get the chance, come vote in person in Shawnee! PowWows are great fun, and opportunity to see the tribal structure in action, meet the leaders, and maybe discover another new family member! For me, it's a rediscovery of Self.

If you have any questions or need anything I can help with, give me a call and we'll work it out. I'd love to hear from you!

Susan Campbell

### REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Kansas City .....Saturday, May 15**  
**Tulsa .....Sunday, June 6**

### PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

Spring is in full swing here in Southern California. The gardens are now thriving and the first of what will be thousands of weeds have been pulled and tossed on the compost pile.

The pace of correspondence in this office has really picked up lately. It's terrific to hear from so many enthusiastic members, especially you volunteers who have followed up on your commitments to help run this operation. A special thanks to Mary Ellen Pierson for the hands-on help in getting the Seed Bank packages out.

Those of you who would like to volunteer some time and energy to the Tribe but feel that distance is a problem, call me anyway. I sometimes have small jobs that can be sent out to you and done in your home. It's especially helpful if you're computer literate and use an MS/DOS computer.

I want to again extend the offer of a detailed guided tour of the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles. It's in the Mt. Washington area, just off the Pasadena Freeway (Avenue 43 exit). If I can get a few families together on the same date, we can have a little potluck picnic and tour combination.

I still haven't heard from very many San Diego area tribal members who want local informal potluck meetings. Philonise Williams has stepped forward and offered to organize it on a local level, so get in touch with me so I can coordinate it.

This year's pow wow looks like it's going to be the best ever. Find a way to get there if at all possible. I know Rusty Cozad, our new pow wow director, is planning a great time for us all. I'll be there and look forward to seeing many other Southern Californians there, too.

As you may have seen on the front page of last month's HowNiKan, Ms. Shyloh West will be our Princess. I met Shyloh and her father Dave West last year at the Portland regional meeting and pow wow, and I know she will make us all proud that one of our families now living so far away from Oklahoma has kept the flame of Potawatomi pride burning brightly.

We're rapidly running out of time to get those requests for absentee ballot in. The request must be in the hands of the election commission by June 6th, so if you don't have one, don't want to cut up your HowNiKan or whatever, give me a call and I'll send a request form right away.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

### PORTLAND

Bozho my cousins,

As some of you already know, I have been under the weather for the last month, but I am home again and doing very well. I had a two week stay in the VA Hospital in Portland and got some new veins to my heart. No more sugar, no more salt, no more fat ... now that is what hurts. If some of you Oregonians have never been to Oklahoma, where they serve the best biscuits and gravy, you'll know what I mean when I say "that's what hurts." Oh yes, and fry bread. I just remembered that one.

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, the honor dance, the flowers and the numerous cards and phone calls. It makes a guy feel pretty good to know he has so many friends out there concerned about his welfare. Thanks again, guys!

Just so we can get to know each other a little better, I thought I could let you know a little more about myself and where I come from: I was born in Oklahoma, in a town called Pawhuska. My dad worked for the Osage Indian Agency there. He was an auto mechanic and his dad before him worked for the Osage Agency. He was a "keeper of the horses." Actually he cared for the horses and carriages, and drove the ladies and gentlemen around the country on business. The Osage Agency built the house I was born in for my Grandfather. For many years the Baptists were the only family to live in that house. When World War II broke out and some of my brothers moved to California, my dad moved with them and became a shipyard welder, building a lot of the ships of war. My dad lived with Maxine and myself the last five years of his 92 years, here in Oregon. I thought you might like to hear some of the stories he related to us.

Joseph L. Baptiste (1891-1984) as told to Maxine Baptiste:

Joseph Louis Baptiste was born to Louis Pahies (Pie) Baptiste and Molly Dockery. His father's Indian name was Wab che qwa.

Joe Baptiste's mother was Molly Dockery. Her brothers' names were Uncle Hank, Uncle Ed and Uncle John Dockery. They lived above Pawhuska but south of Kansas line in a place called Irish Flats. Aunt Maggie married Will Reese and lived near Arkansas City.

Joe remembers the Dockerys taking him on one of the two trips they made each year to Elgin, Kansas. Elgin was not a large town but set on the railroad and had a huge store that twice a year the women folks would go to and buy material, thread, buttons and such. It took two days each way to make the trip. They would camp one night going and one night coming back.

The first time he got to go was so exciting, because he usually had to stay home while every one else went. He remembers his Uncle Hank bought him some candy. It came in a paper wrapper with powdered sugar and inside the candy was a marble. They were the prettiest things he had ever seen. Uncle Hank took him back behind the store where they could play marbles in the dirt and showed him the game. Joe became so engrossed in the new marbles, he paid no attention to the noise the train made, coming up the track. By the time he saw the train coming, it got closer and closer. Quickly he picked up his new marbles. Then suddenly the train let out a loud whistle. Joe literally dove through the screen door of the store. What was this rickety, noisy monstrous thing? Uncle Hank laughed and laughed, and through the years that he teased Joe about the train, his eyes would nearly tear with laughter as he remembered how Joe tore up the screen on the store front door.

Rocky Baptiste



## REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

### DENVER

What a wonderful time some of us had at the Denver March Pow Wow. I have never seen a more impressive display of Native Americans in one place in my life. At the Grand Entry the Coliseum floor was completely covered with the dancers in the most beautiful and colorful dance outfits you can imagine. Consider that there were 45 drum groups in attendance and you can visualize how many dancers were there also.

From the Tiny Tots to the colorful Fancy Dancers there was so much to see that it was impossible to see the whole thing without being there for the entire three days and nights. However, what I saw, I certainly enjoyed and for those of you that I didn't see while you were there, I only hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. Next year, I hope that many more of you will attend as it is an event you won't soon forget.

Before long, our own Pow Wow in Shawnee will be upon us, and I look forward to it with great anticipation as it will give all of the Regional Representatives a chance to be together and really get to know each other, and I hope as many of the members as possible will try to attend. It, too, is a moving experience and a chance for our brothers and sisters to get together as one big family.

Of course, along with our Pow Wow comes the Annual Meeting and the election of new officers. At the risk of sounding repetitious, I cannot stress upon you enough the importance of your vote in this election year. If you have not sent for your absentee ballot yet, please do so today. Let all of the decisions of this year's election represent our entire membership, not just the two percent or so that took the time or trouble to vote last year. If you are in need of extra requests for the absentee ballots, give me a call. I have extras and will get them out to you in the mail immediately. I know that some of you have extra family members that do not individually receive the HowNiKan and since everyone over 18 is eligible to vote, just let me know how many more requests you need and they will be sent to you at once.

Certainly, the few minutes of your time that it takes to vote is small enough to ask for all the benefits that you receive from your tribe. Let us show the candidates and our leadership that those of us away from the Shawnee area DO CARE and that our vote is our way of expressing our thanks for all of the many contributions our elected officials give to our Tribe, incidentally without monetary compensation, but because they want what is best for all of us. The best thanks that they could get is to have the biggest voter turnout ever, so let's make it happen.

*Norma Whitley*

### NORTH CALIFORNIA

Well, another month has gone by. We have had many calls and letters regarding the Regional Meeting with all looking forward to next year's meeting along the shores of Lake Yosemite in Merced.

Also, this month we have had a lot of calls for enrollment forms as well as educational help and medical assistance. I now have a list of all local health clinics in Northern California. If you need assistance in locating one near you, please give me a call. I've been out of the office a lot for the past several weeks, but hope to be around more in the coming month.

I've sent material on the Regional Meeting to Oklahoma (photos) for any permanent record they may keep. Again, if you have any photos or other items to put into a "Regional Scrapbook," please send it to me. I would be happy to pay for extra prints from the meeting. This includes any videos that were taken. I know how busy everyone is, but this is for future meetings to look back on. I could surely use everyone's help on this.

Thanks to those who have offered to help next year and also those helping to copy and distribute the data requested at this meeting. I've also enjoyed visiting with those of you who have stopped by the office.

I hope all will try to make the annual Pow Wow in Oklahoma, and remember to vote in the upcoming election. Absentee ballots are available through the office in Merced. Participate in the government of your tribe.

Megwetch,

*Gary Bibb*

### MIDWEST

**Bourzho from Kansas City!**

It sure has been a l-o-n-g winter here in the Midwest and I celebrate the coming of Spring. Pow Wow fever is here. I've had the opportunity to attend a few local pow wows to see old friends and to meet a few new ones. I got the opportunity to go to Holton, Kansas where a pow wow was held in honor of Louis Jessepe, also known as Roecloud, a Prairie Band Potawatomi elder. Some of his items are on display at the tribal museum in Shawnee. Louis and his family sometimes have their trader booth set up at pow wows and I always try to buy some of his handmade items he has for sale.

Recently a few members of the Kansas City Indian Club and myself were invited to perform a dance exhibition at the Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. We had a very good turnout. It is always a very rewarding experience to be able to do this. So many people have numerous questions about our dance regalia as well as questions about researching their own Indian heritage. I think one of the most unusual dance exhibitions we were invited to perform at was back last July. We were unaware of just who the private performance was for and it turned out to be over 3,000 Harley-Davidson bike riders. They were all just the nicest people! I have never seen so many bikes in one place at the same time. I think I was just as fascinated with them as they were with us.

Our Regional Council meeting date is fast approaching. I still need all the helping hands I can get. Also please remember to R.S.V.P. and let me know how many adults and how many children will be attending. Remember to dress casually and bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on as this is an outdoor event. If it rains, we will have shelter.

Don't forget about the Kansas City Indian Club pow wow coming up July 9, 10 and 11. If you want to see an honest-to-goodness great pow wow with competition style dancing, then don't miss this event. I have more information available for those of you who are interested.

Well my friends, I look forward to seeing all of your smiling little faces on May 15th. If you need something, I'm just a phone call away. Until then, peace be with you.

*Maryann Frank*

### HOUSTON

**Bourzho Niconi,**

The Dogwood trees are in full bloom now, and the poke salad plants are about a foot tall in the woods. It is always good to see spring. It is a joy for me to be walking in the woods again!

On May 29 and 30, the Intertribal Annual Pow Wow will be held in Traders Village here in Houston. That is at 7979 N. Eldridge Road, just off Highway 290. You will be welcome, so come if you can. The prize money is good, the dancers will be fine, and it will help you get in the mood for our own Potawatomi Annual Pow Wow at the end of June.

We are already making plans to go to Shawnee for that Pow Wow. It was full of wonder last year, and promises to be even better this year.

Remember to get your forms in for the Absentee Ballots on time. Voting is more than a privilege. It is a responsibility. Vote. Take full advantage of the freedom to do so.

One of our tribal members down here who's had a bit of tough sledding lately is 84-year-old Cleo "Goldie" Borrow, who recently had knee replacement surgery. She's doing fine now, and wants Chairman Barrett to know that she intends to play a round at the Fire Lake golf course in Shawnee as soon as she's up and about! In the meantime, those of you who know and love Goldie (and I know there are lots of you), please address your good wishes to her at the Park Plaza Hospital, 1313 Hermann Drive, Houston TX 77030.

Call me if I can be of any help. Call me even if I can't, and let me know how you are. I care.

*Lu Ellis*

## Hospital associations receive grants for nursing education

Princeton, N.J.—Hospital associations in nine states and metropolitan areas have received one-year planning grants of approximately \$45,000 each to make nursing education accessible to health care workers interested in nursing as a career.

The \$5 million initiative, called the Ladders in Nursing Careers Program, will enable low-income individuals to attend nursing school, and is intended to help alleviate shortages of nurses in certain regions of the country.

The Ladders in Nursing Careers Program is an expansion of the Greater New York Hospital Association's "Project LINC," a career program developed and tested among minorities and low income persons in New York City with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Founda-

tion, Princeton, N.J.

The planning phase of the new program will enable grant recipients to establish project components, and to identify local funding sources to cover tuition and staff replacement expenses.

After successful completion of the planning phase, certain sites will be selected to receive three-year implementation grants of up to \$500,000 each. At that time, each association will enroll up to 100 full-time hospital or nursing home employees in nursing school.

Those students will continue to receive full salary and benefits, while working part-time at their regular jobs. In exchange, the students will agree to work for their sponsoring institutions for a set period of time after the completion.

One-on-one guidance and supportive services, such as transportation and child care, will be available to ensure that students are able to attend classes. Support for such educational expenses as books, supplies and lab fees also will be provided by each site.

The nine associations that were awarded grants under this program are: Georgia Hospital Association Research Foundation, Marietta, GA, Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundations, Des Moines, Iowa, Maryland Hospital Education and Research Foundation, Lutherville, MD, Metropolitan Healthcare Council, St. Paul, Minn, North Dakota Hospital Association, Bismarck, N.D., Greater Cleveland Hospital Association, Cleveland, Ohio, The Hospital Association

of Rhode Island, Providence, R.I., South Carolina Hospital Research and Education Foundation, West Columbia, S.C., Texas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, Austin, Texas

Direction and technical assistance for the program are being provided by program director Margaret McNally, Vice President of Health Professions, the Greater New York Hospital Association, in conjunction with Deborah Bohr, Vice President of the Hospital Research and Education Trust, Chicago, Ill.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is the largest private philanthropy in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to improving the health and health care of Americans. The Foundation is expected to award more than \$175 million in grants in 1993.



# 1993 Northwest Reg



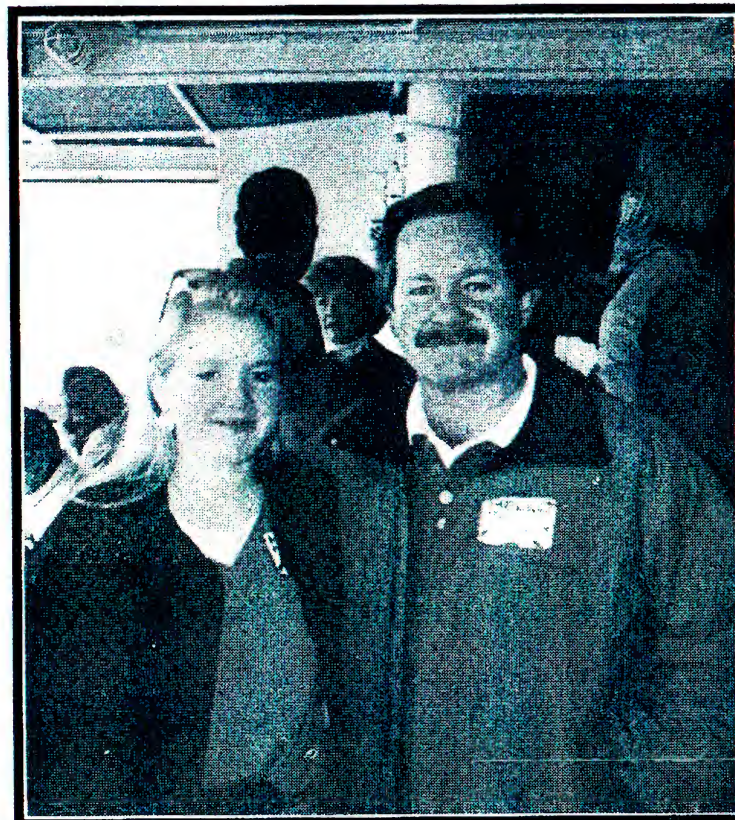
Verzine Dickison, 84, of Salines, CA, was the wisest present.



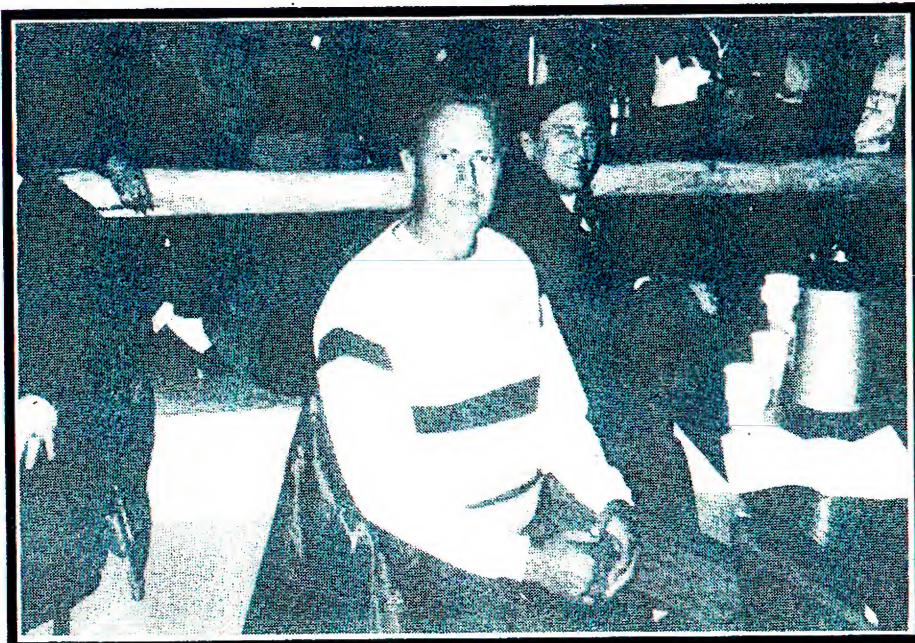
Gail and Chuck Bixley of Milton, WA, holding their purchase from the gift store.



The youngest enrolled tribal member present was 10 month old Mitchell Adam Navarre, son of Mark (pictured) & Susan Navarre.



Dan Dansenburg and daughter, Heidi, from Bellvue, WA., on upper deck.



Steve Higbee of Maui, Hawaii, traveled the longest distance, approximately 3,500 miles.



George and Betty Dansenburg from Shelton, WA.

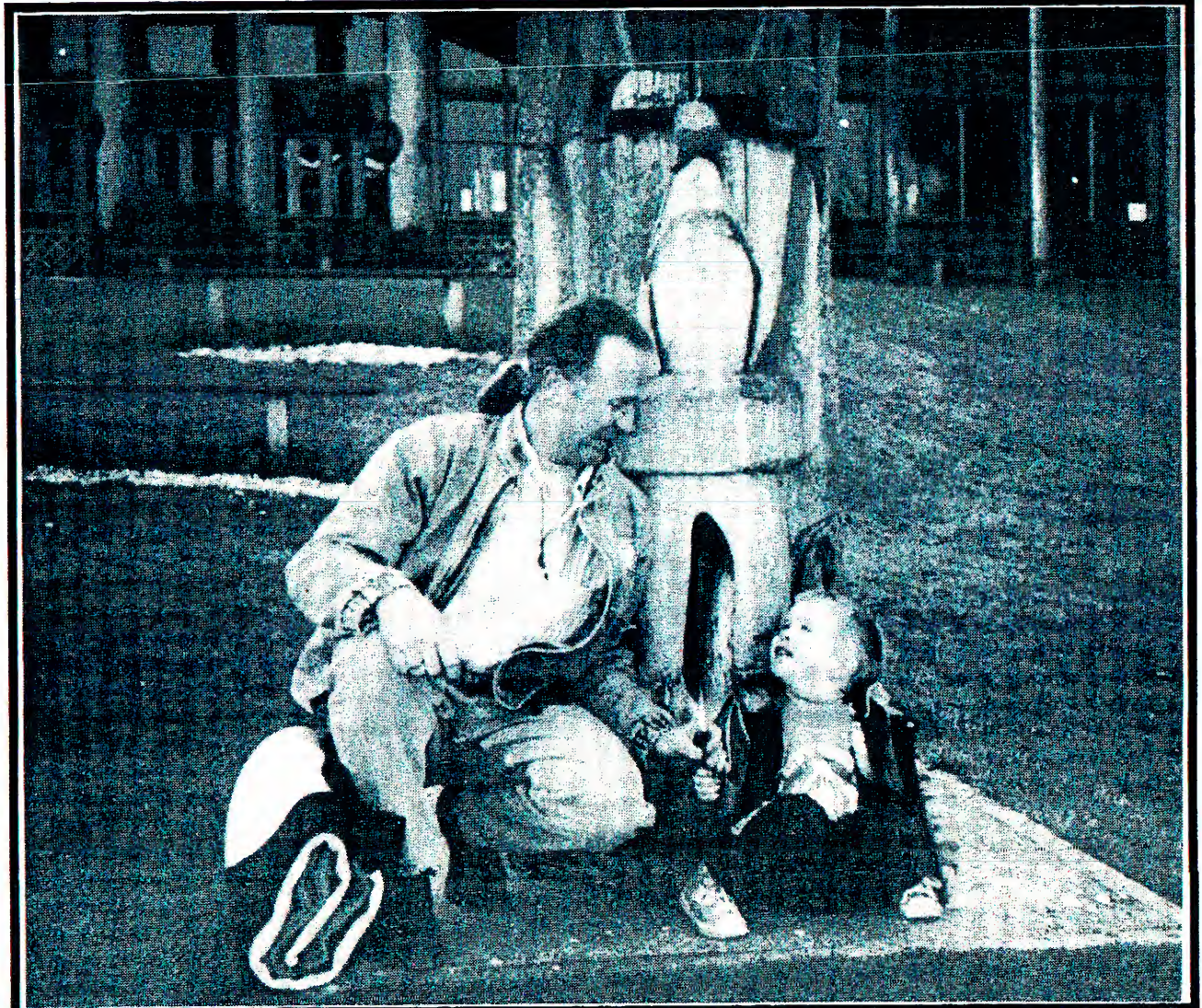


# Annual Council Meeting

**Tillicum  
Village on  
Blake Island**

-----  
**Saturday  
March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Photos Taken  
By  
Linda Capps**



Jeremy Finch and friend, Spencer Kulani from Port Orchard, WA., in front of a totem pole at Tillicum Village.



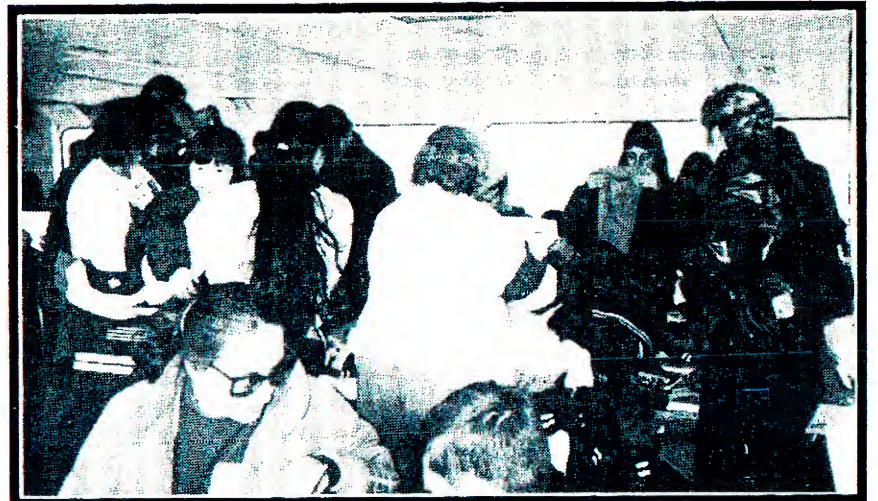
Susan Campbell, Pacific Northwest Regional Representative, pauses from her busy schedule on the boat enroute to Blake Island.



John Barrett visits with tribal member, John Bourassa, from Kirkland.



Joyce Bartram and grandchildren Sabrina & Larry. Joyce Bartram is a realtor from Kent, WA.



Tribal members scramble to purchase items from the gift store. The space was limited, but everyone was patient and willing to wait their turn.





### Young Careerist Contestant

Longtime Citizen Band Potawatomi employee Joie White, above, recently represented the Tecumseh Business & Professional Women's Club in Young Careerist district competition. White, who is tribal court clerk, executive secretary and personnel director, was chosen to compete on behalf of the Tecumseh club at the district level of the national BPW competition, which involves both prepared and impromptu speeches as well as interviews. She was the Tecumseh club's first contestant in many years. Although White did not win the district contest held last month in Shawnee, she plans to compete again next year.

## Pequot tribe introduces global entertainment plan

(From *The Pequot Times*, Mashantucket Pequot Nation, March 1993) — The Mashantucket Pequot Indian Nation announced recently the formation of a full-service entertainment company that will operate globally and include:

- A Native American cable television network offering an extensive range of programming, both Native and non-Native;
- Concert production of Pay For View television specials, worldwide; the first one — Smokey Robinson and His Friends — is scheduled for the fall;
- Establishment of an entertainment circuit of Native performers at Indian-run casinos;
- Promotion and management of professional boxing, featuring Native and non-Native fighters;
- Managing the television, movie and recording careers of Native entertainers.

Tribal Chairman Richard Hayward made the announcement.

"This new venture will allow us to showcase native talent that is out there, first-rate talent that we will put before a mass audience."

The new venture, to include the construction of recording and television studios here, will be

operated from the reservation.

Mr. Hayward announced that the Tribe's new company will be headed by Bobby Young as chief executive officer. Mr. Young is a veteran of 35 years in the entertainment field as a producer, director and talent manager.

He sees a bright future for the entertainment venture—a first of its kind for an Indian tribe—and for Native performers.

"What Motown did for African American entertainers, this will do for Indians," Mr. Young said. "There are Don Rickles, Diana Rosses and Rolling Stones out there among the Native population; they've just never been brought forth."

Mr. Young said plans are for the company's first record to be cut this summer.

Joanne Shenandoah, an Oneida, who is popular in Europe and the United States, has signed with the new company. She performed at the announcement.

The new company has also signed the rock band Red Bone, the most successful native rock band in history.

The group's single "Come And Get Your Love," spent 14 weeks atop Billboard's chart and sold seven million copies worldwide.

## Solomon Kent celebrates 95th birthday

(From *Bah-Kho-Je Journal*, Iowas of Oklahoma, March 19, 1993) — Solomon Nawanawway Kent celebrated his 95th birthday this month. On March 10, 1898, in a Teepee near Headquarters Creek in the Iowa Village, Solomon Kent was born to Frank and Emma Tohee Kent. Mr. Kent is one of only a few full-blood Iowas.

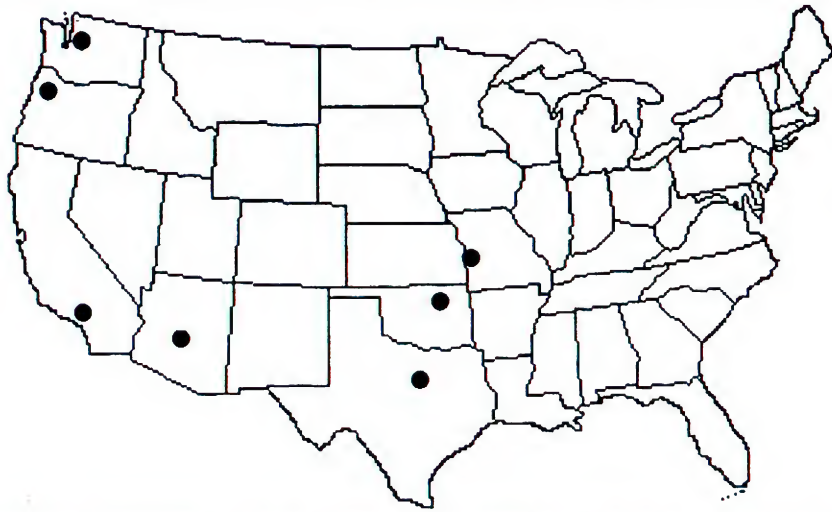
Mr. Kent now resides in Shawnee and has lived the majority of his life in this area. He

served as an ordained minister at the Only Way Sac & Fox Church and then at the Iowa Baptist Church. Later he became a missionary to young people living in the southeastern states.

Also, Mr. Kent was the Iowa Tribal Chairman for around 44 years. During those years as chairman the Tribe set up their first Tribal offices in Shawnee. Before this time the Business Committee held many meetings

under a cedar tree at Frank and Emma Kent's old home place. Also, during his term as Chairman he flew many times to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Iowa Tribe.

The life events that Mr. Kent has experienced such as being born in a teepee to flying in an airplane are those that only a man of his age has seen. We wish Solomon Kent a very Happy Birthday and many more.



Seattle • Portland • Long Beach • Phoenix • Dallas • Tulsa • Kansas City

## Help Francis Levier Find The Regional Councils He DIDN'T Attend!

There have been more than 60 regional councils since John Barrett started them seven years ago. Every one was important. Every one helped bring the tribe together. Every one made us more of a family. John Barrett thinks so much of the regional councils that in all that time, he has missed only one — and that was due to illness in his family.

What does his opponent think? Well, actions speak louder than words. The last year Francis Levier was on the Citizen Band Business Committee, he skipped **SEVEN** out of **EIGHT** regional councils. He got to the one in Houston and he got as far as the hotel for another, but he didn't make the council itself!

By matching the dots on the map with the names below the map, you can figure out which councils Francis Levier didn't think enough of to attend. He already knows where he played hooky, so you don't have to send the answers to him. Just send him a message in this election. He'll read you loud and clear.

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect  
**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'**



# BARRETT

Paid For By Clay Oden



# BANISHED!

**Here Is 'The Rest Of The Story'  
About The 'Experience' Francis Levier Claims!**



## Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

R.R. 1, Box 721  
Perkins, Oklahoma 74059  
(405) 547-2402

April 19, 1993

John R. "Rocky" Barrett, Chairman  
Citizens Band of Potawatomi Indians  
1901 S. Gordin Cooper Drive  
Shawnee OK, 74801

Dear Chairman Barrett:


This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the events surrounding the banishment of Francis Levier, from the Indian country of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

Mr. Levier had been retained as a consultant to the Tribe in early 1990 for economic development purposes. Upon the hospitalization of our Tribal Administrator, a new contract was developed which retained Mr. Levier as acting administrator. It was the Tribes view, Mr. Levier had failed to perform under this contract. His services were subsequently terminated due to a contract dispute. Mr. Levier threatened a lawsuit over this dispute, and attempted to collect from the two contracts simultaneously.

We believed our involvement with him was over at this point. However, Mrs. Levier later became involved in an attempt to depose the legally elected officers of the Tribe, and an attempt to seize control of the Tribal headquarters. Once this attempted overthrow was quashed by the courts, the Tribe felt it in our best interest to prohibit Mr. and Mrs. Levier from meddling in our operations any further, and unanimously adopted a resolution banishing her for active attempt in the overthrow of our government. Mr. Levier was banished due to his active support of Mrs. Levier in this activity.

I hope this answers your questions.

Sincerely

  
Lawrence Murray  
Chairman

For The Iowas, Francis Levier Proved To Be Quite An 'Experience!' Let's Not Make The Same Mistake! Re-Elect

**SUPPORT  
VOTE FOR  
RE-ELECT**

**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'  
BARRETT**

Paid For By John A. Barrett Jr.



# 20th Annual CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

## POW-WOW

**JUNE 25, 26 & 27, 1993**

**POTAWATOMI TRIBAL GROUNDS - SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY**

**JUNE 25, 26, 27  
COMPETITION POW-WOW  
Point System In Effect**

**GRAND ENTRY TIMES**  
FRIDAY ..... 8 P.M.  
SATURDAY ..... 7 P.M.  
SUNDAY ..... 6 P.M.

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

SR. MEN	SR. LADIES	JR. GIRLS	JR. BOYS
STRAIGHT - FANCY	CLOTH - JINGLE	CLOTH - JINGLE	STRAIGHT - FANCY
TRADITIONAL - GRASS	BUCKSKIN - FANCY	BUCKSKIN - FANCY	TRADITIONAL - GRASS
1st .....1500	1st .....1000	1st .....500	1st .....500
2nd .....1200	2nd .....700	2nd .....300	2nd .....300
3rd .....900	3rd .....400	3rd .....200	3rd .....200
4th .....500	4th .....200	4th .....100	4th .....100

FRIDAY JUNE 25 ..... TINY TOT CONTEST  
BOYS AND GIRLS 6 YEARS AND UNDER

*New!*

#### GOLDEN AGE MEN ALL CATEGORIES

1st .....300  
2nd .....200  
3rd .....100

#### GOLDEN AGE WOMEN ALL CATEGORIES

1st .....300  
2nd .....200  
3rd .....100

#### DRUM CONTEST

1st Pays \$1500 • 2nd Pays \$1000  
3rd Pays \$700 • 4th Pays \$500

#### 49 CONTEST

1st Pays \$500 • 2nd Pays \$300  
3rd Pays \$200

#### HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies ..... Hammond Motah-Carnegie, Okla.  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Dean Whitebreast-Cushing, Okla.  
Head Southern Drum ..... Fort Oakland Ramblers  
Head Northern Drum ..... Blackbird Singers  
Head Man Dancer ..... Pete Moore Jr.-Pawnee, Okla.  
Head Lady Dancer ..... Alice Ann Kaulaity-Norman, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... Freddy Banderas-Apache, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... Cletus Gayton-Carnegie, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... John Peacock-Clairemore, Okla.  
Head Gourd Dancer ..... Jim Smith-Canadian, Okla.  
Pow Wow Princess ..... Shyloh West-Eugene, Oregon

#### GOURD DANCE SCHEDULE

Friday ..... 6-8 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 4-6 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 3-5 p.m.

**POW-WOW DIRECTOR**  
Rusty Cozad

**FOR SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL:**  
**MARY FARRELL**  
1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Okla. 74801  
(405) 275-3121  
1-800-880-9880



# THE TRIBE BELONGS TO YOU STAND STRONG FOR DEMOCRACY

## THE RECORD

- ✓
- ✓ The Business Committee changed the Election Ordinance after the election process started!
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓ The Secretary Treasurer has taken away the Tribal Treasurer's keys to her office!
- ✓ Dr. Levier voted against the censorship clause proposed by the incumbent, that is currently in the Election Ordinance!
- ✓ The Incumbent attempted to revise the Tribal Ordinance political ads of his opponent before they went to press! Has he done the same this time?
- ✓ The Business Committee, suspended the Tribal Personnel Policy: Dr. Levier voted against the action! Does the Tribe have an approved Personnel Policy today?

THIS AD HAS BEEN CENSORED BY HOWNIKAN STAFF AND THE TRIBAL ATTORNEY!!!

*Is This The Type Of  
Government You Want?*

*Vote*  
**✓ DR. FRANCIS LEVIER**  
**FOR**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Paid For By Dr. Francis Levier



## Rich Osage Nation faces uncertain future

(From Associated Press, April 11, 1993) — The Osage Nation, once displaced to a reservation that proved rich beyond avarice in oil and natural gas, stands at a crossroad with its council and some of its members haggling over which fork to take.

In peril is the future of the tribe, which under an outdated federal law has only 66 elderly members left.

The tribe is under a federal court order to expand the voting rights of more than 10,000 Osage descendants but must protect its petroleum and mineral reserves, which have made it probably the wealthiest tribe in America.

And it must reconcile that court order, the result of a lawsuit by some full-blooded Osages, with its notion of sovereignty. Can a U.S. judge tell an Indian tribe what to do, even a judge asked by members of the tribe?

"Historically for the Osages, this has every bit of significance of the American constitutional convention," said Rennard Strickland, the court-appointed arbitrator in the case. "It's bringing back into the body politic the Osage."

The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs soon will travel the country to register Osage descendants who are not shareholders in the mineral estate — the so-called tribal headright — but who can trace their ancestors to someone who is.

The BIA will visit Osages in Phoenix; Newport Beach, Calif.; and Denver this week, and plans visits to Albuquerque, N.M.; San Antonio, Texas; and Wichita, Kan., before the end of May.

All this to register Osages to vote in a referendum July 17 on a new government. There are more than 10,000 Osages who aren't shareholders but whose lineage runs to the original 2,229 members of the tribe.

"This is an injustice to the descendants of the Osage allottees, that they should not be able to vote in their own tribal elections," said William Fletcher, a shareholder in the mineral estate and one of the Osages who sued.

"The Tribal council makes rulings that impact upon the non-shareholders in the tribe, and they have no voice."

Under the 1906 federal Allotment Act, which organized the mineral estate and royalty payments, only shareholders can vote in tribal elections, even on issues that have nothing to do with oil or gas drilling.

There is an urgency to the referendum.

The mineral trust was to last only 25 years, but later was extended again and again. The 2,229 Osages identified in 1906 still represent the sum of the tribe. Their children aren't recognized by the BIA as Osages.

Only 66 still are alive, and the youngest is 86 years old. If the last Osage dies, only Congress could revive the tribe — an affront to Indian sovereignty.

Fletcher believes that, under the referendum, Osage membership would be redefined to include anyone who qualified to vote in the upcoming election.

"If we hold this election under a governing document, then those who voted would be members of the Osage tribe," he said. "We would tell Congress that we reorganized ourselves, and not have Congress do it for us."

"If those allottees, the last one passes on, then we're gone. The Osage tribe is extinct."

Through splitting headright shares among multiple heirs, there are about 4,000 shareholders today. All are paid royalties by energy companies that drill on the reservation. Half a share equals half a vote in elections.

Half a share also can equal more than \$50,000, depending on the going price of crude oil. The tribe guards its mineral estate jealously, religiously.

"The Osages take the 1906 act almost biblically because they've felt comfortable with the way it is, and they don't want to take a chance with any substantive change," said Ralph Adkisson, a Tulsa lawyer and member of the tribal council. All councilors are headright shareholders.

The 1906 act also effectively set aside the Osage 1881 constitution, with its three branches of government and civil rights protections, and replaced it with a chief, assistant chief and eight-member tribal council.

Fletcher's great-grandfather, Black Dog, had signed the constitution.

That tribal council, whose members also include three ranchers and a former BIA employee, has appealed to keep the status quo. It contends the court lacks jurisdiction.

"We respect the rights of any person of Osage blood and their reasons for wanting to vote," Adkisson said. "For most of them, it's not a burning issue. They are satisfied with the present form of government."

The court ruling, made in September by U.S. District judge James Ellison in Tulsa, ordered a tripartite committee to reconcile the 1881 constitution and the 1906 act, and to come up with options for a new government.

# Statement OF CONDITION

## ASSETS

**MARCH 31, 1993**

Cash and Due from Banks .....	718,154
Federal Funds Sold .....	2,425,000
Investment Securities .....	8,705,520
Federal Reserve Stock .....	75,000
Net Loans .....	13,405,757
Bank Premises, Equipment and Fixtures .....	538,098
Other Assets .....	393,432
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>26,260,961</b>

## LIABILITIES

Deposits .....	24,489,967
Other Liabilities .....	147,099
Stockholder's Equity .....	1,623,895
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity .....</b>	<b>26,260,961</b>

## MEMBER FDIC

### DIRECTORS

**John A. Robinson, M.D.**  
Ophthalmologist, Chairman of the Board

**John A. Barrett, Jr.**  
Refinery Owner, Vice Chairman of the Board

**Linda Capps**  
Bid Assistant Program, Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech

**Hilton Melot**  
Manager  
Crude Oil Transportation for  
Barrett Refining Corporation

**Jerald A. O'Connor**  
Harvey's Inc.

**Murlin E. Derebery**  
President, The First Oklahoma Bank, N.A.

**\* Jerry P. Motley**  
Belshe Industries Inc.

**\* Bob Davis**  
Tribal Administrator  
Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

**\* James R. Hayden**  
Senior Vice President, Secretary to the Board

### OFFICERS

**Murlin E. Derebery**  
President/CEO

**James R. Hayden**  
Senior Vice President

**R. Paul McIntire**  
Vice President & Cashier

**Johnnie F. Maxwell**  
Vice President

**Betty White**  
Assistant Cashier

**Betty Morris**  
Investment Officer

**Diana Lentz**  
Loan Review & Compliance Officer

**\* Advisory Directors**

# FCB THE FIRST OKLAHOMA BANK

130 E. MacArthur Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

(405) 275-8830

Member F.D.I.C.

*Don't wait too late ...  
send in your absentee ballot request today!*



# Pipestem: sovereignty is canary singing in a mine

By Sue Erickson  
Staff Writer, Masainaigan  
(Winter 1993)

"Sovereignty," self-governance, tribal authority: a mighty tree which blossoms in the midst of darkness, a raspy whisper of hope carried on the wings of dawn, a canary still singing in the darkness of a mine.

F. Browning Pipestem, professor of law, University of Oklahoma, opened the "Forum on Sovereignty II" in Stevens Point Nov. 18-19, 1993 with a definition of sovereignty that reached to its essence. He sought to define that awesome word not only in its legal context, but in its emotional and spiritual meaning for tribal people.

To Pipestem sovereignty is survival for Native American people in its deepest sense. He, therefore, considers it one of the most important matters before the tribes today.

The issue is critical because without it, the hope of the people dims, he said. The issue is critical today because, as in years past, the sovereign rights of native people remain under heavy attack.

Pipestem noted that as tribes stand on the threshold of the 21st century they must exercise their authority to fight their enemies. Those enemies he defined as "poverty, ignorance and injustice."

He cited recent Supreme Court decisions which may indicate the Supreme Court has abandoned the tribes. The Duro Decision, the Brendale Decision an Oregon vs. Smith, were among those Supreme Court rulings.

Some could consider it the "holocaust of Indian rights," Pipestem said, the federal judiciary and the Constitution fail to uphold such basic human rights as the freedom of worship.

Even this, Pipestem noted, was deprived to Indian people through the Oregon vs. Smith Decision which prevented the sacred use of peyote in worship. He watched grown men cry, he said, when they were told that the states had the right to proscribe their religious activities and make the religious use of peyote a criminal action.

However, despite the dark side, Pipestem believes that tribal sovereignty is alive and well because it lives in the hearts of native people. He used three men, all with their own personal holocausts to face, to give definitions of sovereignty as it lives in

Indian nations.

Felix Cohen, author of the *Handbook on Indian Law*, was his first example. Cohen, a Jew, could look at the holocaust of his own people and recognize it within the Native American tribes in the United States, he said.

Cohen stated: "It is a pity that so many American people think of the Indian as a romantic or comic figure in America with no contemporary significance ... like a miner's canary the Indian marks the shift from fresh air to poisoned gas in the political atmosphere."

Pipestem noted that as such, a holocaust on tribal sovereignty would create a picture of great despair — one with no promise of the future, where governments were merely "debating societies," deprived of all authority.

Pipestem next turned to the vision of Black Elk, a Sioux holy man, who expressed a vision of sovereignty for native people as follows:

"Now that I can see it all, as from a lonely hilltop, I know it was the story of a mighty vision given to a man too weak to use it, of a holy tree that should have flourished in a people's heart with flowers and singing birds, and now is withered, and of a peoples' dreams that died in bloody snow. But if the vision was as true and as mighty, as I know it true and mighty yet, for such things are of the spirit, and it is the darkness of their eyes that men get lost."

To Pipestem, sovereignty is the mighty tree, a vision still clear and living; and Cohen's canary is one of those singing birds in Black Elks' tree. "We may have to fan Cohen's canary from time to time," he added, but the song is still there.

"What do we do? What tack do we take?" Pipestem asked rhetorically. The answer he found in the words of his father, Francis Pipestem, on his deathbed.

Pipestem had watched his father's life slowly ebb for a period of months, sitting day and night at a small hospital bedside on a Pawnee reservation. He was despairing, for he felt an awful emptiness at the loss of his father and began to give up hope. The nights were the worst, when quiet and dark shadows overtook the room.

His father, weak and frail, sensed his despair, and in a small, raspy voice said: "Son, hold on. Don't you give up.

Morning is coming. If I die with the daybreak, take it as comfort that the Spirit of God came and took me. Don't be sad. We have never got anything we didn't fight for. Don't you give up. Morning is coming."

For Pipestem that small, raspy voice with the promise of morning, still holds the body of hope which Indian people must not lose.

Referring to the problems of

poverty and high rates of youthful suicides which still prevail in Indian communities, Pipestem noted that they are a result of the loss of hope — the loss of a vision.

"Our communities are stalked by poverty; our young people walk in darkness when their sun should be shining. When they should be planning for things to come, the end is looming for them."

In the midst of the despair, Indian people must hold to the "little raspy voice saying, 'Don't give up. Hold on. Morning is coming.'" This is, for him, the sovereign hope.

For those who have been casualties of the lack of hope, who have lost the vision of the mighty tree, "their silence is almost too great to bear, because their songs will never be heard," Pipestem concluded.

## I'VE SERVED WITH JOHN BARRETT. I'VE SERVED WITH FRANCIS LEVIER. THERE IS NO COMPARISON. I'M VOTING BARRETT!

When you sit shoulder-to-shoulder with people on a body as important as the Citizen Band Business Committee, you get to know all of them pretty well. You learn how to read them, too. This one's a leader. That one's a nice person but will always be a follower. How did that guy over there get elected anyway?

For several years, it was my privilege to serve on the Business Committee with both John Barrett and Francis Levier, the two candidates for chairman in this year's election. Sometimes we'd all agree; sometimes we wouldn't. Sometimes we'd have words, but when the meeting was over, most of us were pulling together for the good of the tribe.

Those of you who know me probably would say I'm pretty blunt. I don't mince words. When Rocky Barrett and I get crosswise, the conversation can get to the point quickly. But the end of the meeting, we'll both leave friends. I disagree with John Barrett every now and then, but I'll never lose my respect for him. He has done more for our tribe and its future than any other individual I know.

I wish I could say the same about Francis Levier. He has never displayed the leadership, the business knowledge, the vision or the plain old common sense that has enabled the tribe to grow and prosper under John Barrett. Even when he was trying, Francis didn't make much of a difference. Sometimes you had to think he wasn't trying at all. Sometimes you even had to wonder whether he was there just to make trouble.

I've served with both men. I've worked with both men. I know both men. I know there is only one real choice in this election. That choice is John A. Barrett Jr. I intend to vote for him. I hope you will, too.



BOB DAVIS  
Business Committee Secretary/Treasurer  
Tribal Administrator



Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect  
**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'**

# BARRETT

Paid For By Bob Davis

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers, especially letters to the editor and news of achievements of tribal members. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. **Deadline is the 10th of the month.**



# State News

...you're doin' fine, Oklahoma ... Oklahoma, OK! ...

## Court rules Ken Blanchard is Absentee Shawnee governor

(From The Absentee Shawnee News) — The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Supreme Court issued, February 23, its opinion on the case "Leroy Ellis, Cynthia Hernandez, and Richard Little, as Members of the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Petitioners, vs. Kenneth Blanchard, and John Doe and/or Jane Doe, Defendants, Case No. ASSC-93-02.

The opinion, written by Acting Chief Justice Steven L. Parker, is 26 pages long and basically explains how the court came to its February 5 decision placing Kenneth Blanchard as Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

The Court determined that "the removal regulations enacted by the Executive Committee were valid at the time Governor John Edwards was removed ... that Leroy Ellis was lawfully elected to Lt. Governor of the

Tribal Government in June of 1990 and lawfully elevated to Governor upon the removal of John Edwards as Governor ... that the General Council lawfully rescinded the Removal Regulations on November 7th, 1992, based upon the specific facts of the case ... that rescinding the Removal Regulations did not operate to void the removal of Governor John Edwards and the substantive issues of whether John Edwards was removed properly is not addressed by this Court ... that the participation of the Judicial Branch in drafting removal regulations is unconstitutional ... that the General Council cannot remove a Governor nor appoint a Governor and that the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe provides specifically for recall ... that Leroy Ellis did resign effective on the 7th day of November, 1992 ...

that Leroy Ellis acted lawfully as Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe from November 9, 1992, to January 5, 1993, pursuant to the order entered by District Judge Colbert in the civil case filed in the lower Court; that Leroy Ellis acted lawfully as

Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for the period from January 5, 1993, through February 5, 1993, pursuant to this Court's temporary order of January 5, 1993 ... that, by operation of law, Kenneth Blanchard is Governor of the

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. The Court refers the litigants to the Constitution, Article VIII and Article XIII, regarding procedures for filling of vacancies within the Executive committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe."

### Absentee Shawnee Tribe signs compact

A compact which provides the Absentee Shawnee Tribe pay a fee in lieu of state sales tax on tobacco products officially went into effect March 1, 1993.

The compact, which was negotiated with the state by then-Governor Leroy Ellis, was signed January 29. The compact was necessary under a state law which went into effect January 1, Senate Bill 759, which gives the state the authority to tax tobacco products bound for Indian smoke shops at the wholesale level. The law also provides that cigarettes purchased from out-of-state vendors, who do not pay Oklahoma taxes, can be deemed contraband and subject to seizure.

However, the law authorizes compacts on tobacco sales between the state and federally recognized tribes. Under the compacts, negotiated by the governor, cigarettes sold at Indian smoke shops will be taxed at 25 percent of the regular rate. If a tribe does not sign a compact, the tax will be 75 percent of the regular state rate.

### Public schools make changes

(From *Coku Tulumbe*, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, March 1993) — Good or bad, state bill 1017 will affect most public schools in Oklahoma. But for Indian tribes, 1017 could be a blessing in disguise.

Most state educators will agree that improving the education standards in Oklahoma is a need. This is clear by the voters approval of H.B. 1017. The elements of this bill will add new education guidelines in state schools and extend the range of curriculum. The state is expecting to achieve this in five years. Its changes include teacher pay raises, class room size, change in curriculum and other items.

Several Indian tribes in Oklahoma are interested in the curriculum section of 1017. This section will require public schools to introduce elementary students to a foreign language. If the state follows its projected time line, this section will be active by the 1993-94 school year.

Special interest groups are already organizing. They hope to use this opportunity to add their native dialect to the list of foreign languages. One organization making outstanding progress in this area is the Cherokee Curriculum Project. They are collecting and applying learning techniques that could support the basic ideas of 1017. This group also provides valuable information to tribes interested in creating a basic format in Indian education.

The Seminole Nation is another tribe moving forward in this area. A special committee consisting of Beverly Streater, Dan Factor, Kenna Harjo, and Billy Joe Harjo are working to provide the Muscogee language into area schools. This committee is drafting a list of ideas on how to convert the language into a learning pattern. The committee also held a special workshop covering H.B. 1017 and Indian education in March. It was their intentions to introduce Oklahoma tribes to new ideas on language curriculum. Those attending were state education officials and tribal representatives from across Oklahoma. Special speakers were staff members of the Cherokee Curriculum Project.

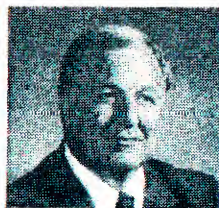


## A Special Message From Vice Chairman Linda Navarre Capps To Friends and Family

This message is to express my support of John Barrett for re-election as the chairman of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. I want to encourage all of my family and friends who are enrolled tribal members to come to the tribal complex the morning of June 26 and cast your vote for John. Then attend the council meeting at 1 to show him your support. His leadership has enabled our tribe to be one of the most respected and economically aggressive tribes in the nation. For those of you who live out of state and cannot physically attend, please request an absentee ballot and send in your vote. John holds the Navarre name in high esteem for the contributions that our people have made to Potawatomi history. We have an opportunity to stand up and be counted. Please vote!

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect

**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'**



# BARRETT

Paid For By Linda Capps





# National News

## Lomawaima wins Prose Award; submissions needed for this year

The University of Nebraska Press congratulates Tsianina Lomawaima on winning the third annual north American Indian Prose Award. In addition, the press invites submissions for this year's competition.

*They Called It Prairie Light: The Story of Chilocco Indian School*, Lomawaima's award-winning manuscript, is a vigorous and sympathetic examination of life and cultural survival at this off-reservation Indian boarding school from 1920 to 1940. After surveying some sixty alumni of the northern Oklahoma school, Lomawaima recreates and analyzes the school culture of that period — daily student life, the students' responses to the school's paramilitary organization, and the effect of the school experience on their ethnic identity. All of Lomawaima's sources, with the exception of her father Curtis Carr, remain anonymous.

Tsianina Lomawaima (Creek) is currently an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Washington. This is her first book and the press expects to publish it early next year.

Submissions for the 1993 North American Indian Prose Award are welcome. The annual award, co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska Press and the Native American Studies programs of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and the

University of California, Berkeley, is given on the basis of literary merit, originality, and familiarity with North American Indian life. The competition invites biography, autobiography, history, literary criticism, and essays; it excludes poetry, drama, an work previously published in book form. The winner receives a cash advance of \$1000 and publication of the award-winning manuscript by the university of Nebraska Press.

The annual deadline for submissions is July 1. Finalists are chosen by November 1, the author of the award-winning manuscript notified by January of the following year, and an annual awards ceremony held in Santa Cruz in the spring.

The jury of the 1993 competition includes American Book Award winner Gerald Vizenor (University of Calif., Berkeley), Louis Owens (University of Calif., Santa Cruz), A. LaVonne Brown Ruoff (Univ. of Illinois, Chicago), and 1990 award winner Diane Glancy (Macalester College, St. Paul, MN).

Diane Glancy's *Claiming Breath* (\$15.95) recounts the year she spent teaching creative writing in Arkansas and Oklahoma public schools, undergoing dramatic personal changes as well. The Cherokee author's book is also a finalist for the 1993 Oklahoma Book Award, to be presented

later this spring by the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

The 1991 prizewinner Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (Rosebud Sioux) is a longtime public school educator and children's book author who lives in Rapid City, South Dakota. *Completing the*

*Circle* traces her Sioux, Ponca, and non-Indian heritage, paying special attention to her foremothers. The press will reissue two of Sneve's children's books this fall, *The Chichi Hoohoo Boogeyman* and *When Thunders Spoke*; publication of *Completing*

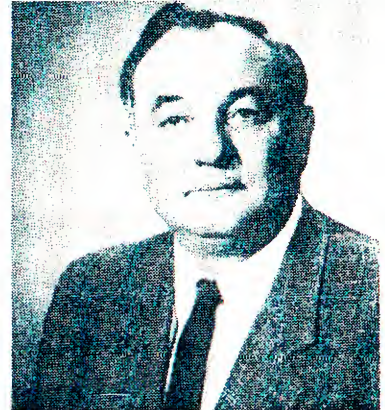
*the Circle* is expected in 1994.

For competition rules please write to: North American Indian Prose Award, University of Nebraska Press, 327 Nebraska Hall, 901 North 17th Street, Lincoln, NE 68588-0520.

### An Important Message From Two Business Committee Members:



Hilton Melot



Jerry P. Motley

# RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. LEADERSHIP.

## Three Great Reasons To Stay On Course!

Serving on the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee is a real privilege these days. There is an aura of professionalism about the Tribal Headquarters. Meetings are conducted in a businesslike yet friendly manner, and tribal programs are run the same way. There is always room for improvement, but the tribe is making real progress. There's a new respect for the Potawatomis in the area and across the state. It really is a great feeling.

This didn't happen by accident. It's a result of hard work, planning and, most of all, the leadership John Barrett has provided as chairman. As members of the Business Committee, we see it on a regular basis. That's why we plan to vote to give John Barrett another term as chairman of our tribe. That's why we hope you'll vote the same way.

*Jerry P. Motley*

*Hilton Melot*

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect

**Chairman John A. 'Rocky'**

# BARRETT

Paid For By Hilton Melot and Jerry P. Motley



## Native American Language Act passed

Efforts to preserve Native American languages got a boost last fall when President Bush signed the Native American Language Act, P.L. 102-524.

The public law authorizes funding for grant programs to assist Native Americans "in assuring the survival and continued vitality of Native languages."

Grants may be awarded for up to a three-year period and may be used for a variety of programs including: Community language programs; Compilation of oral histories; The development and dissemination of teaching materials; The development of language training programs, including programs related to broadcasting; Grant recipients will be required to provide at least 20 percent of the program cost, either in cash or through services.

The bill authorizes \$2 million for the grant program in FY 1993. The program is directed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Cherokees plans bingo facilities

(From *The Cherokee Advocate*, April 1993) — In an effort to increase tribal revenue and boost economic development, the Cherokee Nation is planning to open two new bingo facilities in Catoosa and West Siloam Springs. According to tribal administrators, bingo is a very profitable venture in this area.

The Roland Bingo Outpost in Sequoyah County has provided more than \$1 million in profit since its opening in November 1990.

According to Tommy Thompson, chairman of the board of Cherokee Nation Bingo Outpost, Inc., the West Siloam Springs facility remains in the discussion phase, while the Catoosa venture construction was scheduled for April 15 and is expected to be open by Sept. 1, 1993.

The \$2.3 million Catoosa Bingo Outpost will be located near I-44 exits for close accessibility. The 40,000-square-foot building is expected to seat more than 1,400 people. The facility will be used for Class II gaming only.

The Catoosa facility is also expected to employ 125-150 full-time and approximately 25 part-time positions and have a payroll of \$1.7 million to \$2 million.



## HOWNIKAN

PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

The HowNiKan is published by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe with offices at 1901 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

The HowNiKan is mailed free to enrolled tribal members. Subscriptions to non-members are available for \$10 annually in the United States and \$12 for foreign countries.

The HowNiKan is a member of the Native American Press Association. Reprint permission is granted with publication credit to the HowNiKan and the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

All letters and submissions become the property of the HowNiKan. Editorials and letters are limited to 500 words and must contain a traceable address.

All correspondence should be directed to HowNiKan, 1901 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Ok. 74801. Address changes should be sent to Potawatomi Tribal Rolls, 1901 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Ok. 74801.

Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee  
Chairman - John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr.  
Vice Chairman - Linda Capps  
Sec./Treasurer - Bob F. Davis  
Committeeman - Jerry P. Motley  
Committeeman - Hilton Melot

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**

Tecumseh, OK.  
Permit No. 26

1901 Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
Toll-Free Number: 1-800-880-9880



### *Dressed for the dance?*

We don't know whether this young Potawatomi woman was actually on her way to a pow wow, but her beautiful traditional costume may help some of you who are getting ready for Potawatomi Days June 25-27. This photograph is from the Smithsonian Institution collection, and the young lady is unidentified. Anyone who knows who she is should contact Mary Farrell in Tribal Rolls so we can add the name to the archives.



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*By John A. Barrett Jr.*

**Bourzho Niconi (Hello, my friends)**

There is a copy of the Official Absentee Ballot in this issue of the HowNiKan. The proposed budget for Land Acquisition, Development and Maintenance Program is included. This budget is very important and I am asking for your support. Many of you are new voters who have never voted before. There are several things you should know about the Potawatomi Tribe and how we spend and manage our money.

First, no member of the Business Committee is paid a salary for their position. Our conflict of interest regulations prohibit us from making money from tribal enterprises or borrowing money from the Tribe's bank. Our accounting department has won four national awards for excellence in governmental accounting and our books are audited by a private CPA each year and the results are published for your inspection. In addition, our internal auditors run regular checks in parallel with the Federal Programs auditors who check their monies in our programs regularly. The tribe's money is safe and handled in accordance with prudent, conservative business practices.

Second, the past five years we have asked the members who attend the Regional Councils and the General Council what the direction they want the tribe to grow. The overwhelming majority want an investment fund built up to provide money in the future for the new members to get the same benefits that the enrollees born before 1961 receive. They have rejected the idea of sending out little \$100 checks once a year. One round of these kinds of payments would cost \$1,900,000. If we put that money in an investment for the future, in ten years, we would have enough saved to pay scholarships, health aids, eyeglasses, and other benefits from now on. Why would we waste our money in little payments that would only help people for one or two days?

Third, the money we now have in savings is drawing about four percent. None of our trust funds went to buy the bank. We bought it out of tribal enterprise earnings. The opportunity we now have is to use our unique position as the only tribe to own a healthy National Bank to increase our earnings on savings. There are two ways we can earn money from our bank. One way is dividend payments. When dividends are paid, the money comes from earnings after taxes on the bank corporation. This costs 35% in taxes.

The other way is to receive rental payments on the building from bank money before taxes. This is what we are proposing: use a portion of the money you set aside for this very purpose, Tribal Development, and build the new bank building. The bank has grown so much, there is no where for people to sit. We have had to put a trailer in the parking lot for the bookkeeping department. We will own the building, plus have a lease agreement that pays the tribe eight percent minimum on the lease. This is double what we now are getting in interest earnings. The earnings can go even higher as bank earnings go up since the rent payments are a percentage of profits with a minimum of eight percent.

I urge you to approve this proposed budget for the sake of the new tribal members, all of our sons and daughters and grandchildren. They are the future of the Citizen Potawatomi.

Megwetch,

*John Barrett Jr.*  
John A. Barrett Jr.